

Remarks

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 were pending in this application at the time of the outstanding Office Action. Claims 1-20 are currently amended. Claims 1-20 and new claim 21 are presented in this amendment for examination.

Claim Objections

The amendments to claim 1 address the objection noted by the Examiner. In the specification, Applicant has also amended paragraphs 4 and 10 accordingly.

Rejections Under § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bingley, U.S. Patent No. 4,631,470. In response to the noted rejections, Applicant has amended the above claims. As amended, claim 1 recites an IP telephone that comprises, among other limitations, “an input connector for receiving from a network a signal containing a digital component and a current component” and “a separator for separating said current component from said digital component.” Because Bingley does not anticipate the noted limitations, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and dependent claims 5, 9, 13 and 17 are not anticipated by Bingley under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Rejections Under § 103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 6, 10, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bingley, in view of Nelson et. al., U.S. Patent No. 5,973,942. The Office Action rejects claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bingley in view of Nelson and further in view of Applicant’s admitted prior art.

As explained earlier, amended claim 1 recites an IP telephone that comprises, among other limitations, “an input connector for receiving from a network a signal containing a

digital component and a current component” and “a separator for separating said current component from said digital component.” Because neither Bingley nor Nelson teaches the noted limitations, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16 and 18-20 are patentable under § 103(a) over the noted references.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

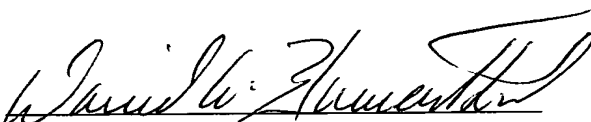
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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